Truly the Seven Councils of the Fathers although held at various times were brought together under the canons and in good order by the Patriarch Germanus the New. By inscribing and establishing their doctrines and offering themselves as intercessors with the Lord, the Fathers are protectors of our salvation and shepherds of the fold.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

The Book of the Law has truly honored the seventh day for the Hebrews who were dispersed in the shadow of the Law and devoted to it.
But you Fathers, by your participation in the Seven Councils, by the inspiration of God who in six days finished this universe and blessed the seventh day, have made it even more honorable by decreeing the bounds of faith.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

You have given all, O thrice-blessed Fathers, to know the Father, the Son, and the Spirit clearly by their works: the Trinity who is the cause of the creation of the world. By your mystical speech you called the first three Councils and then the next four. Now you have appeared as the champions of the true faith, thus proving that the Trinity is truly the Creator of the four elements.
and of the world.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

It would have sufficed Eli-sha the Prophet to bend but once to instill life into the son of the servant, but he kneeled and bent seven times.

Thus, in his foreknowledge he prophesied your gathering through which you revived the Incarnation of the Word of God, and humiliated Arius and his colleagues.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

In wisdom, O venerable Fathers, you patched the garment of Christ which had been torn by barking dogs; for you could not stand to see
his nakedness, like Shem and Japheth of old, who could not bear to see the

na-ked-ness of their fa-ther. Thus you confounded the fool-ish Ar-i-us

and all those who fol-lowed his doc-trines.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

O Fa-thers, you are the true shep-herds who ex-pelled from the Sav-ior's fold

the Mac-edonians and the Nes-tor-i-ans, the fol-lowers of Ephtechnis

and Di-o-scor-us, Ap-polonarius, Sabelli-us and Sev-er-us

be-cause they became devouring wolves hid-den in the skins of lambs.

Since you ex-posed these wretch-ed ones, we tru-ly hon-or you.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory…
Let us honor today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit, namely the God-man-tled Fathers who, speaking of divine things, sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in unison, teaching that the Trinity is One, not differing in Substance or Godhead, refuting Arius and struggling for the true faith, They always intercede with the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Now and ever...

Doxastikon - Tone 2

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 30)

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen

Come all you people of the true faith, let us celebrate today in faith and
true worship the anniversary of the God-man-tled Fathers who came
together in the splendid city of Nicea from the whole inhabited world.

These Fathers, in the wisdom of their pious minds, refuted the impious belief which the wretched Arius had invented. They banished him from the universal Church by a decree of the Council. They instructed all to confess openly that the Son of God is consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father before all eternity, decreeing the same with precision and true worship in the Canon of Faith. Therefore, following their divine doctrines, in true faith let us worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 67)

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 34)

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Troparion of the Council Fathers - Resurrection Tone 8

O Christ our God, you are above all praise. You have established our fathers as beacons on the earth, leading us all to the true faith through them. O most merciful Lord, glory to you!

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 111)